Governor Basin Ore Removal

Description:

Revenue Mine plans to haul low grade ore and tailings from their private, patented land in Governor Basin down the Governor Basin Road NFSR 853.1c, to the Camp Bird Road NFSR 853.0, to their mill on their mine property. The Forest Service will issue a Road Use Permit for the haul.

Hauling will occur from June 1 to November 30 of each year. Estimated duration is 5-6 years including final reclamation on the private land.

Dayshift mine employees will work on the private claims during the day, moving and stockpiling material on private land locations using heavy equipment that will stay on site throughout the season. Heavy duty pickup trucks with water tank and fuel tanks will travel up the road each day. Nightshift mine employees will load and drive 4x4 or 6x6, 25 ton dump trucks. Haul will be from 7:00 pm to 5:00 am, 5-6 trips per night, to minimize traffic conflicts with recreational users. Possible temporary road closures are needed at the start and end of each season to move dozers and excavators.

No ore or tailings removal will be done on NFS land.

The mine has requested to widen the Governor Basin road at an overhang using rock drills to remove part of the overhang. The purpose is to provide a safer clearance width for the mine traffic.

The mine is requesting permission to plow the road, if needed at the start and end of the season.

The mine will be required to maintain the existing drainage structures on the road and to perform standard road maintenance on the Governor Basin Road.

The Governor Basin Road is 1.2 miles and goes through mixed ownership land, including Revenue Mine, NFS and other private. Elevations range from 10, 800 feet to 12,000 feet. Vegetation is spruce/fir in the lower sections and alpine in the basin.